

## **Presence at Certification**

- I. Applicants need to be present at the certification visit even if the certification is based on referral information. This includes women, infants and children to be certified along with the child's parent, legal guardian or caretaker.
- II. This requirement may be waived for those applicants whose medical condition is so severe that coming to WIC could jeopardize their health. Examples may include:
  - a. A medical condition that necessitates the use of medical equipment that is not easily transportable.
  - b. A medical condition that requires confinement to bed rest.
  - c. A serious illness that may be exacerbated by coming in to the WIC clinic.
- III. This requirement may also be waived for the following situations:
  - a. A child who was present at his/her initial certification and is receiving ongoing healthcare. Ongoing healthcare for children may be established using referral data, which includes the health visit data documentation from a physician, or someone working under a physician's orders.
  - b. An infant < 8 weeks of age who is medically high risk, as self reported by applicant/participant/caretaker; or as reported or documented by a physician, or someone working under a physician's orders. Examples of criteria for the medically high risk infant include hospitalization, physician's orders for the infant to have no public contact, or serious illness.
- IV. In addition, the clinic may waive the requirement for the following:
  - a. If being physically present would pose an unreasonable barrier, and infant was present at his/her initial certification and has documented ongoing health care from a health care provider other than the WIC local agency.
  - b. An infant or child who was present at his/her initial certification and was present at a certification within the past 1 year and is under the care of one or more working parents or one or more primary working caretakers whose working status presents a barrier to bringing the infant or child in to the WIC clinic.

- V. The clinic must assess each situation using detailed questions to ensure the need for applying these waivers.
- VI. If the applicant is not physically present at the certification visit, select the reason in the drop down box in the identity screen.